(ii) 40,000 station staff have also been subjected to an out-of-course screening and deficient staff were imparted non-scheduled safety training.

(iii) Regular counselling of staff is done to prevent accidents.

(iv) Stringent action to the extent of 'dismissal' or 'removal' from service is being imposed on staff causing serious train accidents.

(v) The elimination of collisions has been made as one of the mission areas for the General Managers of the Railways.

(vi) Nearly 60,000 of staff attended Safety Camps and refresher training courses during the last one year

Increase in the time limit of advance reservation

4638. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to change the time limit for advance rail reservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) It has been decided to reduce the advance reservation period from 45 days to 30 days in respect of journeys commencing from 1.7.1995 onwards

Compensation to the bomb blast victims in Brahmaputra Mail

4639. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incident of bomb explosion occurred in Brahmaputra Mail recently;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to the explosion; and

(c) the details of financial and other assistance given to the victims of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to the explosion is Rs 9.21.000|- approx.

(c) Ex-gratia payment has been given to the victims of the incident. The details are as under:—

(i) Rs 2,250|- to the nine injured persons @ Rs. 250|- each.

(ii) Rs. 11.000|- to the eleven seriously injured persons @ Rs. 1,000|- each.

(iii) Rs. 25,000/- to the kith and kin of the five deceased persons @Rs. 5,000/- each.

The victims will also be paid the compensation, quantum of which will be decided by Railway Claims Tribunal

Development of Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

4640. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Stations which have been identified by Government in Andhra Pradesh for expansion and redevelopment programme; and